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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 6 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 March 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/12/04 has been entered.

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on 03/14/01. These drawings are acceptable.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims **1, 4, and 7** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Blanchard et al. (US Patent No: 6,408,191)** in view of **Borland (US Patent No: 6,320,943)**.

As to claim 1, Blanchard et al. disclose a retrieved telephone number displaying method for a portable telephone set (FIG. 2, item 200, col. 7, lines 35-45) for retrieving telephone numbers and other data registered in the portable telephone set and

displaying the retrieved data in a display of the portable telephone set (FIG. 4, item 401).

However, Blanchard et al. do not specific disclose that wherein the data retrieved are display in a predetermined sequence is together with the total number of cases of the retrieved data, the total number of cases being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data at least one of called the portable telephone set and was called by the portable telephone set.

Borland specific discloses that that wherein the data retrieved are display in a predetermined sequence is together with the total number of cases of the retrieved data (col. 8, lines 4-40), the total number of cases being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data at least one of called the portable telephone set and was called by the portable telephone set (col. 8, lines 28-49).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the total number of cases being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data at least one of called the portable telephone set of Borland to the system of Blanchard et al. in order to provide to store a directory of telecommunications numbers and identification information associated with each of the telecommunication numbers and a user interface for inputting one or more numbers of a telecommunications number to be called.

As to claim 4, this claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 1.

As to claim 7, Blanchard et al. disclose a portable telephone set (FIG. 2, item 200) comprising a CPU (FIG. 1, item 113), a memory (FIG. 1, item 112) for storing such

data as telephone numbers and names, and a display (FIG. 2, item 210) for storing the stored data, wherein the CPU retrieves the data stored in the memory in a predetermined sequence (FIG. 3, item 331).

However, Blanchard et al. do not specific disclose that displays the data retrieved are display in the predetermined sequence together with the total number of cases of the retrieved, the total number of cases being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data at least one of called the portable telephone set and was called by the portable telephone set.

Borland specific discloses that displays the data retrieved are display in the predetermined sequence together with the total number of cases of the retrieved (col. 8, lines 4-40), the total number of cases being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data at least one of called the portable telephone set and was called by the portable telephone set (col. 8, lines 28-49).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the total number of cases being a number of times that a number represented by an item of the retrieved data at least one of called the portable telephone set of Borland to the system of Blanchard et al. in order to provide to store a directory of telecommunications numbers and identification information associated with each of the telecommunication numbers and a user interface for inputting one or more numbers of a telecommunications number to be called.

4. Claims **2, 5 and 8** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blanchard (U.S. Patent No. 6, 408, 191) in view of Borland as applied to claims 1 and 7 respectively, further in view of **Cushman (U.S. Patent No. 6, 125, 287)**.

As to claims 2, 5 and 8, Blanchard discloses the retrieved telephone number displaying method or system for a portable telephone set according to claim 1, 4 and 7 respectively, wherein the data retrieved in the predetermined sequence (figure 3, number 331) is displayed together with the total number of cases of the retrieved data (figure 4, numbers 401-404). However, Blanchard fails to disclose rearranging in a sequence of greater number of times of utilization and displaying in the sequence of greater number of times of utilization in the rearranged sequence. But, Cushman discloses rearranging in a sequence of greater number of times of utilization (column 3, line 56-63, figures 5a, and 6f) and displaying (figure 2g-2k) in the sequence of greater number of times of utilization (figure 2a) in the rearranged sequence (figures 5a and 6f, and column 10, lines 63 through column 11, lines 25). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine Blanchard (U.S. Patent No. 6, 408, 191) and Borland with Cushman (U.S. Patent No. 6, 125, 287) in order to save time.

Therefore, the combination the above teachings of Blachard, Borland and Gushman, meets the claimed limitations and would resemble the invention of the applicant.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 3, 6, and 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As to claim 3, the prior art of record do not specific disclose the retrieved telephone number displaying method for a portable telephone set according to one of claims 1 and 2, wherein the data retrieved in the predetermined sequence is data retrieved by a Japanese 50-kana sequence retrieval method, a kana affixing retrieval method, a group retrieval method or a telephone number inputting retrieval method.

As to claim 6, the prior art of record do not specific disclose the retrieved telephone number displaying system for a portable telephone set according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the data retrieved in the predetermined sequence is data retrieved by a Japanese 50-kana sequence retrieval method, a kana affixing retrieval method, a group retrieval method or a telephone number inputting retrieval method.

As to claim 9, the prior art of record do not specific disclose the retrieved telephone number displaying method for a portable telephone set according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the data retrieved in the predetermined sequence is data retrieved by a Japanese 50-kana sequence retrieval method, a kana affixing retrieval method, a group retrieval method or a telephone number inputting retrieval method.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-9 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Burgess (US Pub No. 2002/0128033) discloses "Communications control method and apparatus".

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUOC H DOAN whose telephone number is 571-272-7920. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LESTER G KINCAID can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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